

A Closer View of District 2

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR

Dear Neighbor,

I am honored to be serving as your councilperson for another term. The District 2 community has been sharply focused and actively engaged in housing and economic development initiatives, revitalization, education and health efforts.

For the past four years, District 2 has made great strides. From the grand opening of the District 2 Senior Center, Salado Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Wheatley Heights Sports Complex, Montabella Pointe Apartments, Fire Station #1 on Cherry Street to the recent opening of the Bowden Eye Care and Health Center.



This newsletter issue will highlight progress that has been made in the district by providing information on projects and topics such as the new addition of the San Antonio Children's Museum, Camelot Elementary SPARK Park, introduction of the Korean American Association, Carver Library exterior improvements, completion of the Fort Sam Houston Transportation Project and highlights new boundaries and landmarks in the district.

Thank you for your active participation and commitment to our community. We still have considerable work ahead, so let's continue with the momentum to move forward to ensure that each project and initiative is successful. I look forward to working with you to continue progress in District 2.

Sincerely,

Ivy R. Taylor
Councilmember, District 2

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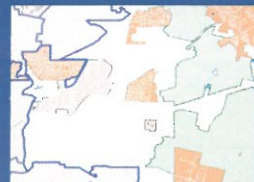
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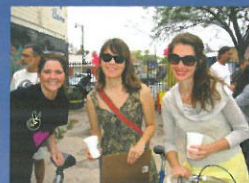
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In June, families and residents joined in the celebration of the ground breaking of the San Antonio Children's Museum. The new 5.5 acre site on Broadway at Mulberry, across from Brackenridge Park, will enhance the Museum's capacity and exhibit area. The museum will feature 28,000 square feet of interior interactive exhibits and nearly 30,000 square feet of exterior exhibit space, onsite parking and ample space for visitors.

The centralized location will allow the museum to draw a larger range of visitors—approximately 170,000 to 300,000—from all of the city's neighborhoods.

The museum will provide families with new exhibits that foster creativity and critical thinking skills.

District 2 Welcomes Children's Museum



New exhibits provide varied experiences with each visit ranging from math, science, literacy to social studies. Exhibits include Spy Academy, Sensations Lab, Thinker-U-Bator and Explore My City, Explore My World to name a few.

Voters approved \$3 million for the project in the 2012-2017 BOND. The funding was used as leverage for the children's museum relocation and expansion to increase its accessibility to San Antonio families. The museum is pursuing a transformative \$45 million campaign to fund the visionary master plan. Major partners for the project include Lake[Flato, Guido Brother's Construction, Argyle Design and Ten Eyck.

For more information on the San Antonio Children's Museum, please call 207-2122.



In the Community: Wheatley Heights Action Group

The Wheatley Heights Action Group (WHAG) is the official name of the neighborhood association in the Wheatley Heights area. The areas boundaries are IH-10 to the Freedom Bridge at Martin Luther King and Bundy to the Salado Creek on the Southside. WHAG has taken many steps to maintain a safe and clean environment for area residents.

This year, the association will host National Night Out at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex. The event will take place Tuesday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to come out and celebrate.

The association holds meetings the second Thursday of the month at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Ms. Ernestine Green at 337-4133.



Councilwoman Taylor and Mayor Castro mingle with residents during Wheatley Heights Action Group National Night Out held at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club.

WORKING TOGETHER: KOREAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION



Left to Right: Founders of the Korean American Association of San Antonio, Mrs. BJ Yang and Ret. Col. Jai Yang.

Founded by Jai Yang and BJ Yang, the Korean American Association of San Antonio (KAASA) has helped improve the lives of residents in the community. KAASA has spearheaded partnerships with local nonprofits and community members all in the effort to give back to the community and promote comradeship. Collaborations include Habitat for Humanity, San Antonio Food Bank, and hosting an appreciation dinner for Korean War Veterans. KAASA invites resi-



Members of the Korean American Association of San Antonio (KAASA) join residents during the District 2 Barbecue event held at the Eastside field office.

dents to Korean dance class every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Korean American Association Headquarters located at 4405 Parkwood Road. The dance lessons are free and open to the public. For more information on (KAASA), please call 210-781-5131.



Camelot Elementary SPARK Park: Work Begins

Work for the Camelot Elementary SPARK Park has begun. Residents and students participated in a ground breaking ceremony in an effort to kick off the start of the project.

The Camelot Elementary SPARK Park will include a walking trail, playground equipment for kindergarten through first grade and second to fifth grade students, swings, a 30 foot pavilion, exercise stations and landscaping. The park will be ADA accessible.

The Camelot Elementary SPARK Park was provided \$179,000 from District 8 Councilman Reed Williams Infrastructure Improvement Funds for the city's 2012 budget and \$186,588 from Northeast Independent School District (NEISD).

In 2012, students, teachers and residents participated in the SPARK Park Community meeting in an effort to brainstorm ideas on items the park should include. At the meeting, participants suggested themes, fitness opportunities, entertainment, learning and appreciation for art and culture opportunities.

The Camelot Elementary SPARK Park will be the 2nd Park of its kind in San Antonio. The purpose of the SPARK Park Program is to improve school playgrounds by turning them into fitness parks the entire community can enjoy. The goal of the San Antonio SPARK Park Program is to build one park in each of the 10 council districts for the next decade. The program is a partnership between San Antonio Sports, The City of San Antonio, local schools, residents and the UTSA College of Architecture.

The park is expected to be completed in September. For more information on the Camelot Elementary SPARK Park, please call 207-0970.

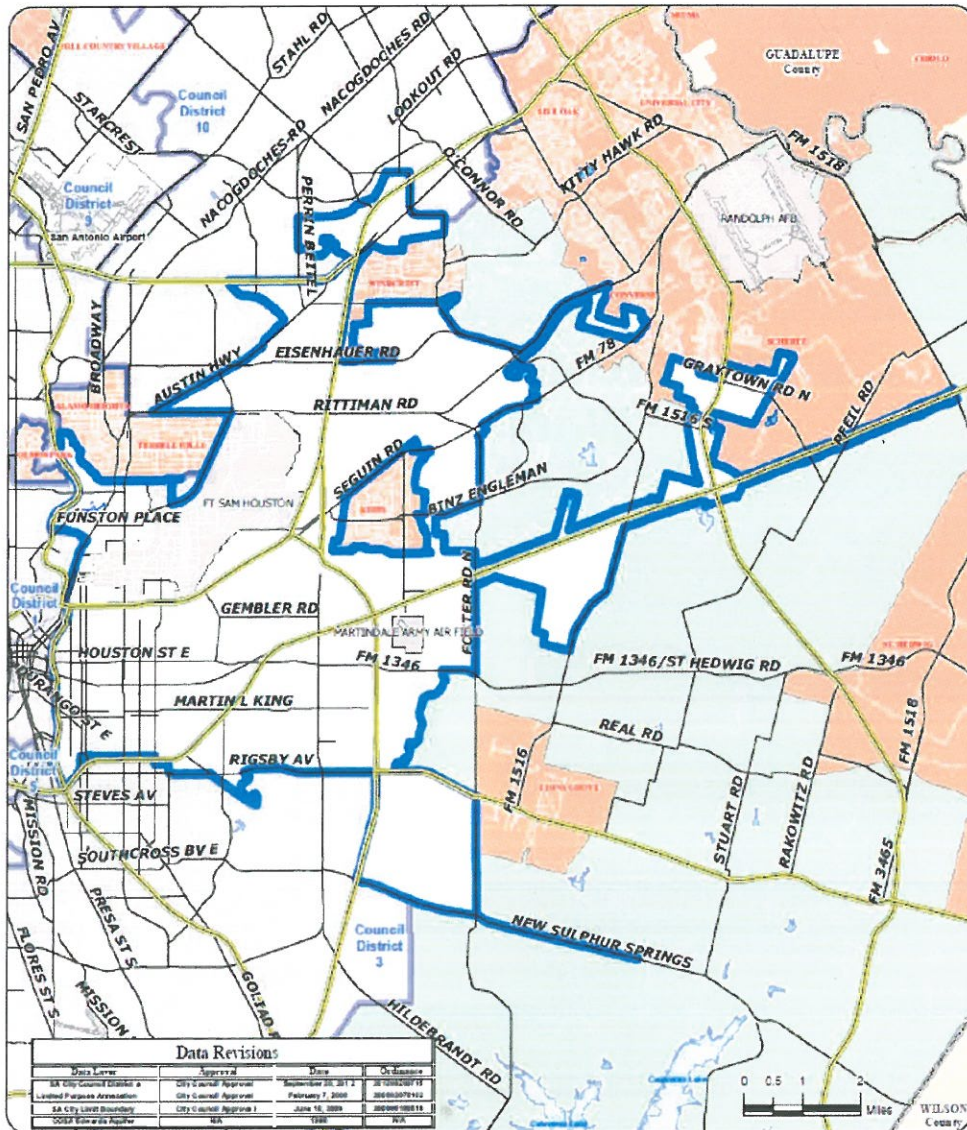


George Block, Susan Galindo, Councilwoman Taylor, Councilman Williams, Susan Blackwood join residents in celebration of Camelot Elementary SPARK Park.



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian G. Gottardy and students smile for the camera during the ground breaking of the Camelot Elementary SPARK Park.

District 2 New Boundaries



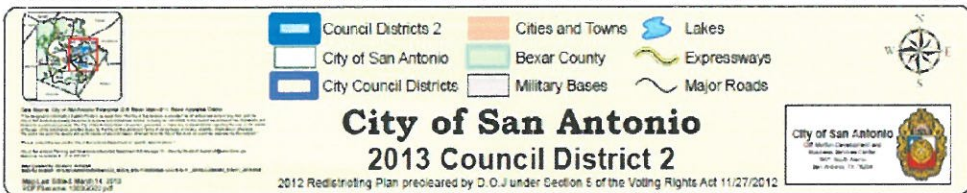
By Federal law, redistricting must occur every 10 years following a census. Due to growth in the City of San Antonio over the last decade, the decennial Census reported a population imbalance amongst city council districts. In an effort to ensure equal population, redistricting of each district is required. In 2012, the Mayor and City Council sought public input at public hearings held in June and July. The redistricting maps were approved by the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in November 2012.

District 2 spans from New Sulfur Springs to Rigsby, Foster Road to Binz Engleman, Rittiman Road to Eisenhower Road, Austin Highway to Perrin Beitel Funston Place, and Broadway to E. Durango. Parts of District 2 also expand to FM 78, FM 1516 S and Graytown Road North. The area totals 2,384 acres.

New additions to the community include, Wilshire and Mahncke Park Neighborhood Associations, Clear Spring Elementary, Morrison Park, Lamar Elementary, the University of Incarnate Word, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio Zoo, Mahncke Park, the San Antonio Botanical Gardens and Olmos Basin Park.

Residents can always view the revised council district maps online via the Planning and Community Development website at (http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/gis/political_maps.aspx).

For more information on redistricting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk via phone at 210-207-7253.



City Council District 2 Map

New District 2 Landmarks and Additions



The Witte Museum
3801 Broadway



University of Incarnate Word
4301 Broadway



Botanical Gardens
555 Funston

CARVER LIBRARY EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS



Dale McNeill, Councilwoman Taylor, Gloria Malone and City staff cut the ceremonial ribbon in completion of the Carver Library Exterior Improvements.

Councilwoman Taylor, City of San Antonio staff and community members cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the completion of exterior improvements for the Carver Branch Library. The Carver exterior improvements project was awarded \$155,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 108 Funds and an additional \$425,000 was awarded in FY2012 CDBG for the remainder of the project. The improvements included expansion of the parking lot, improved drainage, and development of a KABOOM! playground. Ideas for the playground are still underway. The first Carver Library was estab-



Councilwoman Taylor joins residents in celebration of the Carver Library Exterior Improvements.

lished by African American Army officers based at Fort Sam Houston during World War I. In 1973, the present building was built on donated land at 3350 E. Commerce Street next to Second Baptist Church. Individuals interested in serving on the KABOOM! Project Library team are encouraged to contact Kate Gray at 207-2661.



Ft. Sam Houston Transportation Project Complete

Earlier this year, residents, Councilwoman Taylor, Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS) staff, and area businesses celebrated the completion of the Ft. Sam Houston Transportation Project.

The project included improvements to over a mile of Harry Wurzbach intersections at Rittiman, Winans and Burr. The intersections were widened to accommodate additional turning lanes and longer left turn lanes. Many local businesses located in the Sam Houston Corner, welcomed the renovations including Starbucks.



Starbucks will soon join District 2. The company is opening a new location at the NE Corner of Harry Wurzbach and Rittiman in the

In addition to widening and reconstructing the street, curbs, sidewalks and bike lanes were also improved. Storm drainage, utilities and traffic signal improvements were also incorporated into the project. The project was constructed by EZ Bell Construction for \$9 million. Funding for the project was obtained through the 2007-2012 BOND, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

For more information on the Ft. Sam Houston Transportation Project, please call 207-0970.

Community Input Needed for Lou Kardon Park

In June, the Department of Capital Improvements Management Services (CIMS) in cooperation with the Department of Parks and Recreation held a public meeting in an effort to receive recommendations for improvements at Lou Kardon Park.

Voters approved \$650,000 for the project in the 2012-2017 BOND for rehabilitation of the walking trail and development of general park improvements.

For more information on Lou Kardon Park, please contact Mark Wittlinger via phone at 207-2874 or via email at (mark.wittlinger@sanantonio.gov).



The 23 acre park is home to a playground, athletic fields and picnic tables.

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207-0947

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2013

- 7/4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
- 7/6 FREE LANDFILL DAY
- 7/9 BULKY WASTE COLLECTION
CENTER INFORMATIONAL
MEETING AT DISTRICT 2
SENIOR CENTER
- 7/11 ART CRAWL GALLERY TOURS
FOR CAREGIVERS AND BABIES AT
SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART
- 7/13 PASSPORT DAY AT THE
MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS

August 2013

- 8/22 DISTRICT 2 OPEN DOOR WALK-INS
AT EASTSIDE OFFICE
- 8/30 COFFEE & MUFFINS AT
NORTHEAST OFFICE
- 8/31 PEOPLE EN ESPANOL FESTIVAL

September 2013

- 9/2 HAPPY LABOR DAY!
- 9/8 HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!
- 9/12 TOWN HALL MEETING
(LOCATION TBD)

October 2013

- 10/1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
- 10/26 SAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE BUD
LIGHT COURTYARD AT AT&T CENTER

November 2013

- 11/1 COFFEE & MUFFINS AT EASTSIDE
OFFICE
- 11/3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (END)
- 11/11 HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

24 hr. City Hotline.....311 or 207-6000
Utility/Rental assistance.....207-7830
Housing Rehab.....207-0147
Bexar Utility Assistance.....335-6770
Fair Housing.....207-5910
Senior Services.....207-7172
Childcare Services.....206-5200
Youth Services.....207-8198
Health Department.....207-8780
SAPD (East) Substation.....207-7781
SAPD (North) Substation.....207-8126
SAFFE Office (East).....207-7566
SAFFE Office (North).....207-8350
SAPD Non-emergency.....207-7273
Homeless Services.....207-7823
Animal Care Services.....207-4738
Graffiti.....207-6460
CPS Energy.....353-2222
SAWS.....704-7297
VIA Metro Transit.....362-2020
Literacy GED/ESL Classes.....207-7227
Traffic Sign Signal Request.....207-7765
United Way.....211
Animal Resource Center.....351-SPAY